

Utah State Developmental Center: *The Way Forward*

Draft Recommendations: These recommendations are presented to the Department of Human Services; they are a collaborative effort to define the Mission and Vision of Utah State Developmental Center and are a consensus of current ideas from representatives advocating for people with disabilities.

Mission

Utah State Developmental Center is dedicated to providing an array of resources and supports for people with disabilities with complex or acute needs in Utah.

Vision

Utah State Developmental Center will provide an effective, efficient array of critical services and supports that promote independence and quality of life for Utah’s most vulnerable people with disabilities in partnership with families, guardians, and the community.

Quality Services

- Provide an active, vibrant, healthy, and safe environment for individuals residing at USDC.
- Respect the individual rights of each resident. Ensure individuals have the opportunity to choose where they work and live, what they eat, and the activities in which they participate.
- Give individuals, family members and guardians an active voice and role in the services and supports provided at USDC.
- Make available meaningful and challenging work and training programs through partnerships with businesses for residents with employment goals.
- Communicate internally on a regular basis regarding the needs and goals of residents to ensure residents receive consistent and quality care.
- Make available to family members/guardian a parent of a current resident to answer questions and provide support, when a new individual is admitted to USDC.
- Provide a one-page summary of the individual’s treatment and transition plan to the family/guardian.
- Allow funding to follow the individual based on their needs and will not be exclusively tied to services or facilities.
- Provide timely transitions into and out of USDC.
- Provide a backup plan that includes USDC services and supports to ensure the individual is successful in their new placement, when an individual transitions from USDC to a community placement.
- Build capacity across the state by sharing USDC’s knowledge and experience with families and community- based providers to serve Utah’s most vulnerable and complex individuals with disabilities.
- Modify or restructure services as needed to address the changing needs of individuals with disabilities.
- Provide individuals the opportunity to choose a support coordinator and a dynamic plan that moves with them, whether they reside at USDC or the community.

Planning & Accountability

- Maintain a clear, long-term (5 year) plan regarding USDC’s role in the array of services for people with disabilities.
- Participate in the development of an interagency plan for a secure facility for individuals with disabilities who are incompetent to proceed in the judicial system.
- Maintain a strong, regular, and consistent monitoring process of services within the facility.
- Ensure Legislators are familiar with and support the mission, vision, and goals of USDC and its residents, families, staff and neighboring communities.
- Educate surrounding communities, general public, law enforcement, and judges to better understand USDC’s role, services and supports and the individuals USDC serves.
- Build relationships and establish partnerships to promote activities that mutually benefit USDC and the community.

Funding Priorities

- Provide a secure facility with adequate funding, appropriate equipment, and trained staff for individuals with disabilities who have violent and/or dangerous behaviors.
- Offer temporary respite and other services at USDC for non-residents.
- Provide emergency access, within 24 hours, to USDC services and supports for individuals living in community-based settings who are in crisis and need stabilization. Funding and staffing will be provided to support these emergency placements.
- Provide crisis and ongoing consultation (behavioral, medical and technological), training, and outreach programs for families and community providers throughout the state to enable individuals with disabilities to live and thrive in their local communities.
- Modify or restructure buildings to address the changing needs of residents and the community.

Buildings & Land

- Establish a committee composed of members from the USDC Governing Board, the Parent Group, and the Strategic Planning Committee to update and prioritize the USDC Building and Grounds Master Plan.
- Contract with a professional land use consultant to develop a phase-one conceptual land use plan for the undeveloped USDC land which will be framed around the following values:
 - Revenue generated from the development of USDC land and buildings will provide an additional secure source of ongoing finding for services for people with disabilities.
 - Data regarding the current and future needs of people with disabilities will be utilized in making decisions regarding the use of USDC buildings and land.
 - Health and safety of USDC residents and staff will be considered when making decisions regarding the use of USDC land and buildings.
 - Open space will be maintained around the USDC campus to provide privacy, safety, and quality of life for USDC residents.
 - Commercial developers will support USDC’s mission and will provide employment and other opportunities for residents of USDC.
 - The State of Utah will proactively engage in planning for the future use of USDC undeveloped land for the benefit of people with disabilities. Professionals will develop land use plans with input from disability stakeholders.
 - USDC buildings and land will be used in the most effective and efficient manner possible.
 - Local communities, state agencies, providers, and businesses will be encouraged to use USDC buildings at a reasonable fee.

Utah State Developmental Center
Strategic Planning Committee Charter

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Purpose:

The Utah State Developmental Center (USDC) is a public 24 hour intermediate care facility for intellectually disabled (ICF/ID), under the administration of the Division of People with Disabilities, Department of Human Services. USDC is a critical service for some individuals and their families as a part of the full array of services. The Center is also a part of the community and serves as a community resource.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) seeks to receive recommendations on the future direction and mission of USDC as it relates to the master planning of campus and use of undeveloped land. Recommendations from this committee address the following areas:

1. What should the vision and mission be of the Utah State Developmental Center? What role does it play in the continuum of services for Utah's population of individuals and families with disabilities?
2. Given the vision and mission of USDC, what programs or services are needed on campus? What are the trends in terms of unmet need?
3. What is the master plan for existing buildings given the recommendations to 1 & 2? Is the latest master plan for the existing buildings on campus still relevant?
4. What is the master plan for undeveloped USDC land?

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